



An Organization of “Friends, for Fun, Safety, & Knowledge”.

April 2026 Newsletter

Check us out on Facebook @ Chapter K-KY Road Riders, Henderson, Ky!!

Chapter K has their own website!! Check it out @

<https://kyroadriders.org/chapterk/>

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Jim & Kay Bryan

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Couple of the Year

Dean & Cheri Brown

Individual of the Year!

Debi Michael

State Couple of the Year !

Jim & Kay Bryan

**We meet on the First Saturday of the Month at 12:30 CT.
Diamond Echo Lanes, 1698 Second St, Henderson, Ky**

Walk ins are welcome. Come join the fun!! Have a friend that might be interested? Give them a copy of this Newsletter and invite them to come and check us out.

From the Chapter Directors Corner:

Well, this roller coaster ride that has been our spring weather seems to be finally leveling off. With spring comes mild weather, intermittent rain showers, lots of animals either out courting or moving from one location to another to avoid farm equipment that is already on the road doing farmwork so that we can feed the world. With that we have a great crop of spring potholes and cracked and broken concrete from the bouts of severe weather that Kentucky was subjected to during the winter.

With that we get to witness the beauty of nature unfolding during these spring rides. Trees and flowers blooming, the world waking up and shedding it's winter coat and transforming from brown to green right before our eyes.

So, we have many things to watch out for during our spring rides! Hopefully, we have all completed our spring checklists to make sure our machines and gear are in order.

This is looking to be a very busy riding season for most chapters. Lots of rides with multiple trips already planned as well as day rides.

New for this season is a Summer Camping trip (see below for more details). Thanks Rick & Leah for planning this trip!

Wow, what a busy March this has been, lots of riding, eating and fellowship. I hope this entire season is this pleasant.

I hope to see everyone on the road!!

All those who wander are not lost (they may just be looking for some really good ice cream 😊)



Chapter Rides & Events:

Dees Restaurant



On Feb 28 Chapter K rode to Dee's Resturant in Owensboro Ky for a late breakfast early lunch. Four of us rode out from Henderson and met with Johnny and Lyn at the restaurant, what a peasant surprise.

Afterwards we had a great ride thru the backroads

to the Dairy Bar in Sebree for ice cream. Temps were mild for a pleasant 100 mile ride.



Jeri's Café Ride



Chapter K rode to Jeri's Café in Clay, Ky on March the 8th. We had two trikes, a slingshot and a cage. For a total of five members and three guests. The weather was beautiful, except for the water over the roads in spots





The food was excellent and of course we ended back at our favorite ice cream place, the Sebree Dairy Bar. Lots of fun and fellowship (and laughs) for a 100 mile ride. This is a ride that we will definitely want to repeat, just without the water. LOL



Dinner ride –



Chapter K had another evening dinner ride to Rock House on the River on Thursday, March 12th. What a success it was; there were eighteen members in attendance. Lot's of fun, laughter and fellowship ensured. Thanks to our MECs, Dean and Cheri Brown for organizing.

Kim's Café

We rode to Kim's Diner on March 14th to try out more local cuisine. Kim's won last years Owensboro Burger competition so we thought we would see what they had to offer this year.



While we were in the area we thought that we would check off one of the international cities in the State Challenge.

Of course, no ride is complete without....ICE CREAM!!



First Aid/ CPR



Chapter K hosted First Aid and CPR Training on March 21st at the Masonic Lodge #9 F&AM.

The class was attended by six members. Leah provided much needed refresher training and helpful tips. She does such a great job presenting this material in a fun and educational way. This is training we all need and hope we will never use.



Many thanks to Leah for taking the time to drive all the way down to Chapter K to teach.



Hawg A\$\$ Sammiches



Several members of Chapter K rode to Hawgs A\$\$ Sammiches for some BBQ on March 22nd. Two trikes and a slingshot made the trip and our IOY, Ms Debi rode up with Dean and rode

back with Joe. It was a 90 degree day which is really unusual for March.

We were pleasantly surprised when we met Don and Janet and Ray from Chapter A. What a great time catching up and fellowshipping and planning. We wound up at the Wonder Whip in Owensboro for, yes. You guessed it, ice cream! 185 wonderful miles.



Upcoming Events, Rides, and Associated Goings Ons.....

April Waterfall Ride – April 18-19th

Let's ride to look at some waterfalls! Kay has sent the itinerary to all members. Hotel accommodations are shown in the text.

Blessing of the Bikes -May 3rd

The ABATE Region 8 Blessing of the Bikes in Evansville, IN, is scheduled for Sunday, May 3, 2026, at Robert's Park (2600 E Division St). Gates open at 9 a.m. with the blessing ceremony starting at 10 a.m. This annual event offers a blessing for riders, passengers, and bikes for safety, often followed by a ride.

Chapter K Picnic – May 16th

The Chapter K Picnic will be held on May 16th at the Hensley Flying Field, the road right beside 15400 Upper Delaware Rd, Henderson, Ky. The picnic will start around 1 PM, CT. Everyone is welcome. The Chapter will furnish the meat, baked beans and potato salad. Everyone else bring drinks or deserts, and/or sides. Please coordinate with Kathy and or Cheri as to whether you are planning to attend and how many so that we can have enough food. We will probably have a short ride for those interested starting at 9 AM from the Field.

KY State Ride In



The 2026 Ride In will be held on June 5th and 6th and will be hosted by Chapter C. The location will be the Immanuel Baptist Church, 4451 Winchester Rd, Lexington, KY 40509. Please check back later for more details.



Kentucky Ride-In

June 5 & 6, 2026

Hosted by: Chapter C, Lexington, KY

Choose your ride experience, reunite with friends and make new ones!

Venue: Immanuel Baptist Church, 4451 Winchester Rd, Lexington, KY 40509

Accommodations:

Host Campground: Make your reservations for Kentucky Horse Park on-line through Reserve America.

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express, 100 Winchester Plaza, Winchester, KY 40391. The room rate is \$159.00 + tax per night.
859-795-8050 Block: Kentucky Road Riders

Thursday, June 5th – Dinner 6:00pm, at Ramsey's Diner, 3090 Helmsdale Pl, Lexington, KY 40509, Dinner is pay as you go, bring cash. Estimated cost per person is \$30 per person + dessert. Short Chapter Y meeting for those in attendance.

Friday Activities, June 5th

8:00am - Registration/Check in

Ride Departure times to be announced

3:00pm - Wingo

5:00pm – 50/30/20 Drawing

6:00pm – Dinner catered by Sonny's BBQ

Saturday Activities, June 6th

8:00am - Registration/Check in

Ride Departure times to be announced

3:00pm - Wingo

4:15pm – Prize Drawing/50/30/20 Drawing/Closing

5:00pm – Snacks and Chapter K Gathering

Registration: \$25.00 per person Kentucky Road Rider Member

\$30.00 per person non Kentucky Road Rider

Registration includes Guided and Self-Guided Ride Information, Friday night dinner, Snacks for Chapter K Gathering on Saturday.

Mail Registration to:

Rick and Leah Cridlin, 1601 Drake Ct, Hebron, KY 41048, 859-534-5292

Makes checks payable to: Kentucky Road Riders

Contact Luanne Williams (treasurer@kyroadriders.org) for payment by credit or Venmo @Leah-Cridlin

Rider: _____ Rider/Co-Rider: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Chapter: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

****Times and activities are subject to change based on weather and the Governors Guidance due to COVID 19****

I/We agree to conform and comply with the ideas governing this convention and we further agree to hold harmless KRR, co-sponsoring organizations or any property owner(s) for any loss or injury to self or property in which I/We may become involved by reason of/or participation in the convention. I/We agree to assume responsibility for any property which we damage or destroy. I/We have read and understand these terms.

Rider: _____ Date: _____

Rider/Co-Rider: _____ Date: _____

Campfires & Comforters Tour - July 24 - 26, 2026

Campground:

Cave City RV Campground
216 Gaunce Dr.
Cave City, KY 42127
270-773-4678

The campground is holding a block of campsites for us. Please call to make your reservations and mention Kentucky Road Riders.

The rate is \$58.50 per night.

Two motorcycle campers can share a site. Only one person should call to make the reservation. The block will only be held until April 11th. The only reason there is a block is because half the campground is already booked.

Two Hotels are right next to the campground.

Hampton Inn Cave City

803 Sanders St
Cave City, KY 42127
270-773-7300
Rates start at \$180 per night

Comfort Inn & Suites Cave City

819 Sanders St
Cave City, KY 42127
270-261-4053
Rates start at \$137.00 per night

There are other hotels in the area, but these are the two next to the campground. No blocks are reserved, this is a make your own reservation kind of trip.

Rick is going to make our reservation from July 23-26. He plans to ride Friday(24th) and Saturday(25th) to as many "thumbs up" spots as possible on the Around the World in Kentucky 2026 Ride Challenge. You can ride as much or as little as you wish on this trip.

Storm The Mountains Summer Ride 2026

- Dates: July 30 – August 2, 2026
- Location: Big Bone Gap, Virginia.



The Blast

The 2026 Blast will be held August 13th through the 15th at General Butler State Park, please check back later for more details.

Save the Date

KY Blast

Buccaneers on Bikes – a Pirate's Voyage

August 13 – 15, 2026

General Butler State Park

1608 Highway 227, Carrollton, KY 41008

Call to make reservations 1-800-325-1710

Lodge Rooms w/2 Queens \$129.95 – 1 King \$139.95 + taxes

Camping Reservations – [Reserveamerica.com](https://www.reserveamerica.com)

Stay tuned to Facebook for pop up rides thru the week 🤖

Rider Education Report

By: Richard Artmayer

Many new things start in the month of April. In our part of the country, flora and fauna both begin to appear for this year's growing season. The world of motorcycling is no different. And this year we find news that may interest us all.

Honda is filing a patent request for an adaptive cruise control. You know, the kind like in many new cars that can sense the speed of the vehicle ahead and adjust to keep a set following distance without driver input. They have been experimenting with electrically assisted steering. They currently have the most advanced automatic transmission in motorcycling. And there are also rumors that they have a joint project with the Segway company, the self-balancing scooter that tourists and police officers use in urban environments.

What could all this mean for the Gold Wing? With their target market being the long-distance touring crowd, I propose that Honda will introduce the first self-driving motorcycle. Can you

imagine our next group ride? We all get out on the interstate, set the cruise control, lean back, and start texting with family and friends, watching movies, or catching up on business emails. Think of the efficiency!

The Kentucky Road Riders is also organizing an on-bike training course for two and three wheeled bikes in May this year. Details to follow.

For Sale:

Lumina motorcycle trailer, yr unknown, cargo box is 45" x 27" x17" with carpet. Has battery light +cargo net in the lid of the trailer. Has a small box on the tongue of the trailer. I camped out of it for 15,000 miles without difficulty.

\$750 Sale price
Stan Burgess
270-929-1332
dbins2@gmail.com



Bruce & Kathy have a set of CSC Chrome reverse wheels and tires for sale. Wheels are like new. Of course, the tires look like new but do have 50K miles on them.



Birthdays & Special Occasions:

Happy Birthday to Cheri Brown on April 20th.

Happy Birthday to Joe Cain on April 12th.

Happy Anniversary to Bruce & Kathy Hensley on April 21nd.

Happy Anniversary to Jim & Kay Bryan on April 22nd.

If you know of any Birthdays or Special occasions, please let us know.

If we have missed anyone we are truly sorry, please help us to update our list.